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SUBJECT: BIO DATA ON MOZAMBIQUE DELEGATION TO SPECIAL SECURITY
COUNCIL SESSION

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1. SUMMARY: HEAD OF MOZAMBIQUE DELEGATION MARCELINO DOS SANTOS IS MOZAMBIQUE'S LEADING MARXIST IDEOLOGUE. HE IS DEEPLY SUSPICIOUS OF WEST. HE IS NOT LIKELY TO BE AN EASY PERSON FOR US TO WORK WITH IN THE UPCOMING SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING. END SUMMARY.

2. BRIEF BIO SKETCHES OF THE THREE MEMBERS OF MOZAMBIQUE'S DELEGATION TO SPECIAL SESSION OF SECURITY COUNCIL FOLLOWS:

A. MARCELINO DOS SANTOS, MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC PLANNING. THE DEPARTMENT AND USUN SHOULD HAVE AMPLE BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON DOS SANTOS. IN BRIEF, HE IS MOZAMBIQUE'S LEADING LEFTIST IDEOLOGUE, WITH LONG-TIME TIES TO COMMUNISTS IN EUROPE. HE IS SUSPICIOUS OF THE WEST AND HAS BEEN A HARSH CRITIC OF U.S POLICIES, INCLUDING (LAST AUTUM) THE US-UK EFFORT TO REACH A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT IN ZIMBABWE. HE HAS BEEN CORDIAL AT MEETINGS HE HAS HAD THIS PAST YEAR WITH GOVERNOR SCRANTO, SENATOR
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CLARK AND CONGRESSMAN DIGGS, BUT HE IS MORE COMFORTABLE WHEN WITH HIS "NATURAL ALLIES" FROM THE COMMUNIST COUNTRIES. WE BELIEVE HE WILL NOT WANT TO BE PERCEIVED AS COOPERATING WITH THE WESTERN DELEGATIONS AT THE UPCOMING SECURITY COUNCIL SESSION. SHAFRUDIN KHAN, THE HEAD OF THE AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN DIVISION IN THE FOREIGN
MINISTRY AND FORMERLY A

MEMBER OF MOZAMBIQUE'S UN DELEGATION, TOLD THE AMBASSADOR LAST NIGHT THAT HE IS SORRY DOS SANTOS IS HEADING MOZAMBIQUE'S DELEGATION, SINCE DOS SANTOS HAS HAD LITTLE EXPERIENCE WITH THE UN AND TENDS TO BE DOCTRINAIRE AND POLEMIC IN HIS APPROACH TO ISSUES.

B. ABDUL MAGID OSMAN, NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF FINANCE. MAGID IS A COMPETENT ECONOMIST AND PERHAPS THE ABLEST OFFICIAL IN THE MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT WORKING ON FINANCIAL AND GENERAL ECONOMIC MATTERS. HE WORKED CLOSELY WITH UN OFFICIALS (GORDON GOUNDRY OF THE UN SECGEN'S

STAFF)IN PREPARING THE ASSESSMENT OF THE ECONOMIC COST TO MOZAMBIQUE OF CLOSING ITS BORDER WITH RHODESIA. HIS INCLUSION ON THE MOZAMBIQUE DELEGATION SUGGESTS THAT MOZAMBIQUE MAY SEEK TO JUSTIFY A SECOND MAJOR APPEAL TO UN MEMBERS FOR ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE. MAGID HAS BEEN FRIENDLY WITH EMBOFFS, BUT HE IS NOT EASILY DRAWN OUT IN CONVERSATION. MAGID IS OF ASIAN DESCENT AND IN HIS MID- 30'S.

C. MURADALI MAMADHUSSE, NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION. MURADALI WAS THE SUBJECT OF AN EMBASSY BIO REPORT IN DECEMBER 1976 (MAPUTO A103). UNDER MURADALI'S DIRECTION, THE MOZAMBIQUE INFORMATION AGENCY AND MEDIA HAVE MAINTAINED A DECIDED PRO-COMMUNIST AND ANTI-WESTERN BIAS. HE HAS KEPT HIS DISTANCE FROM EMBOFFS. HE HAS PROBABLY BEEN INCLUDED ON THE DELEGATION TO HELP WRITE DOS CONFIDENTIAL

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SANTOS' SPEECHES. HE IS OF GOAN DESCENT AND IN HIS MID-30'S. HE IS BELIEVED TO HAVE RECEIVED SOME MEDIA TRAINING IN EAST GERMANY.
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